

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-01-03**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 31, 2001  
Business Meeting: January 3, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss/act on staff recommendations concerning Final Report on Checklist Items 1 – Interconnection; 11 – Local number portability, and 14 – Resale. 1/3/02
2. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Qwest Motion to strike comments of Touch America and exclude Touch America from the CLEC Forum on January 9, 2002 – Determine if motion is appropriate. 1/3/02

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communications Inc. Docket No. N2001.12.164 (Eric)

On December 6, 2001 Qwest Communications filed tariff transmittal 01-39 proposed Caller ID and Security Screen promotions. For residence customers the Caller ID offer consists of waiving the applicable nonrecurring charge associated with installing Caller ID – Name and Number and a waiver of the first month's recurring rate. Customers who purchase Caller ID will receive a free Caller ID unit manufactured by CIDCO. The customer will be required to pay \$4.95 for shipping and handling. The offer is available to all residence customers.

For residence customers, the Security Screen offer consists of waiving the applicable nonrecurring charge associated with installing Security Screen and waiving the first month's recurring rate. The offer is available to all residence customers.

Qwest requested the promotion run from December 26, 2001 through February 9, 2002.

2. Qwest Communications, Inc. Docket No. N2001.12.163 (Dave B)

On December 6, 2001 Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 01-38, proposing two business promotions. In the first promotion, new or existing business customers who purchase CustomChoice For Business or a Qwest Business Line Plus will be given a \$50.00 rebate after they have had service for 60 days. Only one rebate will be provided per account.

The second promotion, existing business customers who purchase an additional flat-rate business line, CustomChoice For Business, an additional analog Centrex 21 line, an additional Qwest Business Line Plus line or a Qwest Utility Line will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge

associated with the installation of the line. The waiver will apply to one line per account.

The effective date for these two promotions for business customers is from January 7, 2002 through March 29, 2002.

3. AT&T Communications Docket No. N2001.12.165 (Scott)

On December 5, 2001, AT& T requested to withdraw its sent-paid coin service within the State of Montana, pursuant to ARM 38.5.2760. Sent-paid coin service is an intrastate long distance service in which the customer initiates the long distance telephone call from a coin operated pay phone, paying for the call in advance with cash, as opposed to utilizing a credit or calling card, third party billing, or other payment. AT & T is requesting to withdraw this service because is used casually by customers and the demand for this service is dwindling rapidly.

4. Project Telephone Company, Docket No. N2001.12.162 (Scott)

On November 27, 2001, Project filed revised tariff sheets for both project Telephone Company and Valley Telecommunications, Inc. In this filing the companies are requesting to provide a new special service called Reserved Number Call Forward. This feature provides users with a reserved number in the central office, which is only used for the purpose of automatically forwarding call to a designated answering location.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at

<http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Citizens Communication Docket No. N2001.12.164 (Scott)

On December 10, 2001, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-01-11. The purpose of this filing is to include the existing Federal Lifeline Telephone Service credit in the Montana Telephone Assistance Program Tariff. This filing does not impact the billing credits that are currently being issued to qualified life line customers.

2. Central Montana Communications, Inc. Docket No. N2001.12.170 (Scott)

On December 19, 2001, Central Montana requested to modify its tariffs. The changes are Section 4 in accordance with the PSC agreement a credit was established in late 1999 that offset reduced property taxes. The credit began January 1, 2000 and will expire December 31, 2001. The second change is a result of the recent FCC order, Federal Subscriber Line Charges (SLCs) for subscribers of independent local companies and cooperatives will increase. For qualified low-income customers, the FCC directed that support for the federal Lifeline service program will match any increases in the SLCs. The Tier 1 discount for low-income subscribers has been increased accordingly.

3. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2001.12.171 (Leroy)

On December 20, 2001, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 01-40 ValueChoice Introduction. The proposed new package for residence customers contains the following features: Anonymous Call Rejection, Call Forwarding Variable, Call Waiting or Call Waiting ID, Caller ID - Name & Number, Long Distance Alert, and Three-Way Calling. Customers may, if they desire, also include Call Forwarding Busy Line (Overflow)/Don't Answer, Call Forwarding Busy Line /Don't Answer (Expanded) Message Waiting Indication - Audible, Message Waiting Indication - Visual or Message Waiting Indication - Audible/Visual at no

additional charge. The package also includes an individual flat-rate residence line. The package will sell for \$27.95 per month including the features and the 1FR.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-01-08**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- N2001.12.167 Montana Power Company - Tariff letter No. 4-P - Propane Tariff Revision - Metering
- N2001.12.168 Montana Power Company - Tariff Letter No. 44-G - Gas Tariff Revision - Metering
- N2001.12.169 Montana Power Company - Tariff Letter No. 64-E - Electric Tariff Revision - Metering
- N2001.12.170 Central Montana Communications, Inc. - Tariff Revision - Section 4 - Lifeline Program Discounts - Federal Subscriber Line Charges
- N2001.12.171 Qwest Corporation - Tariff Transmittal 01-40 - Value Choice Introduction
- D2001.12.172 Black Hills Power - Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider
- D2001.12.173 Fairmont Hot Springs Resort - Application for Initial Rates for a Sewer Utility
- D2001.12.174 Firelight Meadows LLC - Application for authority to establish initial rates and charges for water services
- D2001.12.175 Firelight Meadows LLC - Application for authority to establish initial rates and charges for waste water services